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Amendment to the Specification:

Page 3, Paragraph 3, lines 18-19 please amend as follows:

(Currently Amended)

However, the MAC function includes a security function for protecting data indispensable for the communication system. As for the DOCSIS system, the details of the specifications are disclosed in the specification, *Data-Over-Cable Service Interface Specifications*, "Baseline Privacy Plus Interface Specifications ~~SP-BPI+ -I06-001215~~" SP-BPI+ -I07-010829" Supplied by Cable Labs of U.S.